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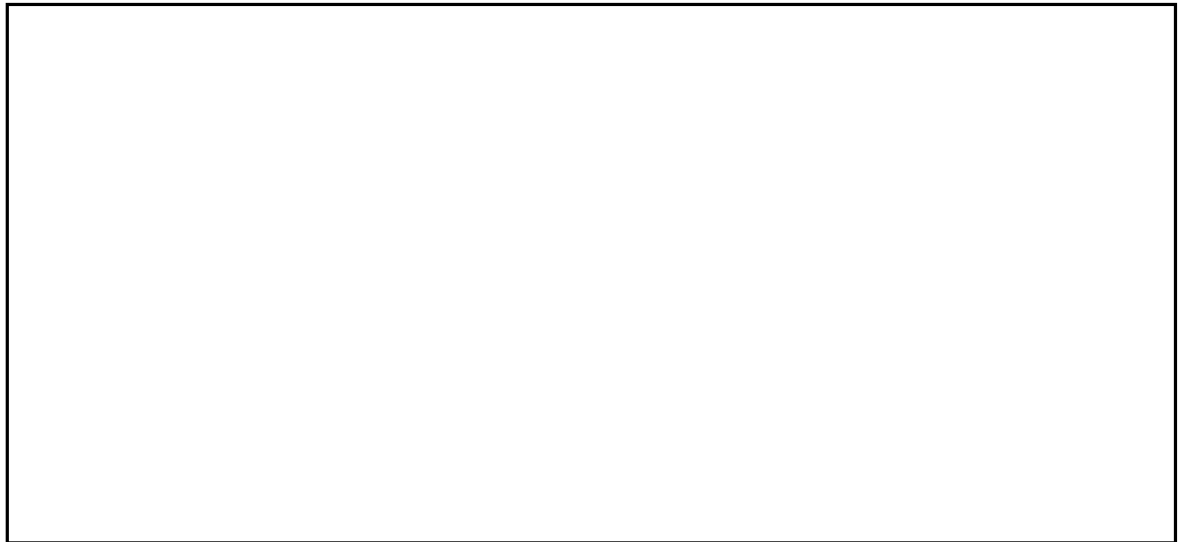
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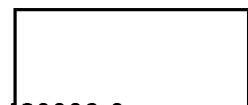
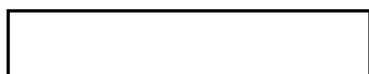
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LIBYA: Casualties in Uganda

The Libyan regime is reported to be trying to keep from the public the full extent of the casualties suffered in Uganda.

[redacted] families inquiring about relatives have been told that soldiers who actually went to Uganda have instead been stationed near the Egyptian border. [redacted]

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There are rumors that Libyan leader Qadhafi plans to instigate fighting with the Egyptians and then say these clashes caused the casualties suffered in Uganda, but this seems farfetched; the Libyans have been avoiding provocations in the Egyptian border area, where they are badly outnumbered. [redacted]

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Qadhafi has, however, gone out of his way to boost morale in the military in the wake of the Ugandan debacle. He recently chaired a three-day meeting of free officers--veterans of the 1969 revolution, many of whom are now disenchanted with Qadhafi--at which he reminded them of the "victories" they had achieved. He also announced the formation of "revolutionary committees" in the officer corps, presumably an attempt to create a buffer against potential coup plots. [redacted]

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OVERNIGHT REPORTS


(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

China-Vietnam

The US Embassy in Beijing reports that the Chinese Foreign Ministry official responsible for relations with Indochina indicated to a French diplomat on Thursday that Beijing had been surprised that the Vietnamese negotiators in the peace talks in Hanoi had made specific proposals in the opening round. He asserted that China had not done likewise because it does not view the current border situation as urgent. The official also said that a resolution of the Kampuchean problem would definitely not be a precondition to a normalization of Sino-Vietnamese relations. 

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Yugoslavia-USSR

A Western news agency quotes Yugoslav party officials as saying yesterday in Belgrade that Milos Minic, the former foreign minister and currently the ranking party leader responsible for foreign policy matters, will go to Moscow today for talks on a visit to the USSR by President Tito. According to the sources, the visit is planned for the middle of next month; Tito has not met with Brezhnev since 1977, when they conferred in Moscow while the Yugoslav leader was en route to China for an official visit. 

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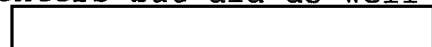
The US Embassy in London believes that most of the closely contested districts in northwestern England--historically accurate indicators of general election outcomes and currently held by Labor--could be won by the Tories in the voting on 3 May. The Tories have taken the lead on both of the prominent issues in that area, law and order and prices, and may even receive a surprising degree of support from the large South Asian communities there. The Embassy notes that Tories nationwide are concentrating their efforts on Labor seats previously won by only small margins and, by discussing a wide range of issues, have so far managed to avoid giving Labor's campaigners a single topic that might be exploited.



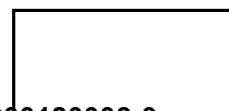
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Spain

The US Embassy in Madrid reports that the new municipal assemblies elected on 3 April are expected to complete their selections of mayors today. Noting the Socialist-Communist agreement completed on Wednesday allocating dozens of mayoralties and hundreds of high-level municipal posts, the Embassy concludes that the left, plus regional groupings, will control municipal governments representing some 70 percent of the Spanish population. Parties of the center and right are clearly concerned by this disquieting development, and both the Socialists and the Communists have been sharply criticized for having "distorted" the will of the electorate by concluding their agreement after the election, thereby avoiding making it a campaign issue. Prime Minister Suarez' Union of the Democratic Center did not win any mayoralties in principal urban centers but did do well in middle-sized and small towns.



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Rhodesia

The voting for the 72 seats not guaranteed to whites in the new 100-seat parliament to be installed late next month or early in June ends today. Press reports indicate Rhodesian officials are expected to claim a voter turnout of perhaps 70 percent, well in excess of their stated goal of 60 percent. The official election tally, which likely will enable Bishop Muzorewa to be the new prime minister, probably will not be announced until late next week. 

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Guinea

The US Embassy in Conakry reported yesterday that President Toure has postponed indefinitely his planned visits to Yugoslavia and Romania next month because he evidently fears that Guinean emigres in Liberia might be emboldened by the rioting in Monrovia last weekend and seek to return home to stir up trouble. According to the Embassy, Toure may sense a parallel with Liberia in Guinea's recent shortages of gas and flour, the hiking of the price of gas, and the anticipated exhaustion of rice supplies by the end of this month. Toure's inclination to identify with Liberia may well account for the rapid, strong Guinean response to Liberian President Tolbert's request for assistance. 

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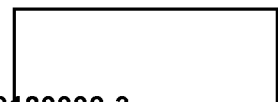
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Bolivia

The US Embassy in La Paz reported yesterday that the surprise decision of former President Banzer--forced into official retirement by President Padilla last month--to enter the presidential election race has provoked rumors of coup plotting and renewed fears that the presidential and general elections set for 1 July may be postponed. The Banzer candidacy increases the number of right-wing candidates to three and thereby enhances the prospect of a "leftist" presidential victory unpalatable to the country's military leadership. While it does not discount the possibility of a last-ditch effort to subvert the elections, the Embassy concludes that the Padilla government is unlikely to postpone the elections at this stage and that any foot-dragging on a return to civilian rule would only further damage the image of Bolivia's armed forces.



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